

**MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK  
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING  
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC  
MAY 26, 2015**

**Commission Members Present:** David Cleveland, Fabian Szarko and Ashley Dance.

**Clerk:** Cheri Clark

**Call to Order:** Mayor David Cleveland called the May 26, 2015 Parks and Recreation meeting to order.

**Public Comments:** Mark Phillips thanked P&R and especially Ashley Dance for the Memorial Day Ceremony. He has received a lot of positive feedback concerning the event. After speaking with Ken Conrad, P&R should consider adding another speaker on each side to help project the sound across the pond. The Food Truck was great but the generator made too much noise, maybe we could pay a resident for power to run the truck during the event.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ashley Dance made the motion to approve the April 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Session minutes as presented. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Changes to the Agenda:** Delete – 9. d. Shrubs at Mimosa Park; Change e. Pressure washing to d; Change f. Union County Urban Forester to e; Add f. Benches & Picnic tables and g. Mulch. Fabian Szarko made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Council Actions:** Council approved the following P&R expenditures:

1. Benches - \$1,000.
2. Pressure Washing - \$1,500.

**Budget Report:** Mayor David Cleveland shared that the following items and services have been received by the Village and payments are pending: Swim Tags, Mulch, spring flowers, Renovations to the Founders Park Gazebo and Town Center copula and Park benches including pads. The Front Entrance renovation should begin next week. Garden Club is donating one park bench for the Russell Park playground area. The Village is also purchasing one and will pay for the pads and installation for both of the benches.

**Ponds:** Mayor David Cleveland talked with Foster Lake & Pond concerning Sages Pond. Sages Pond is the worst looking pond in the Village. An aerator for Sages Pond similar to the one in Connie's Pond would cost \$4,000. P&R has about \$8,000 available in Pond Maintenance. A Fountain for Sages Pond was tabled. Mayor David Cleveland has requested that Foster Lake & Pond notify the Village each time they come out because there is a lag time between the visit and the report.

**Community Center:** Sean Lowther has microphones that the Village can test for the Council Chambers, and if we are happy with the results, he will donate them to the Village for use with an amplifier.

**Landscaping:** Lucas Landscaping should begin placing silt fences and removing shrubbery at the Front Entrance Pond this week.

Southend Painting has completed the renovations on the Founders Park Gazebo and the Town Center cupola.

Lucas Landscaping suggested that the Village renovate the flower beds and shrubbery at the front entrance columns. Some of the Indian Hawthorn shrubs have died and have been removed. Based upon the Lucas Landscaping plant suggestions and the weather, P&R decided to wait on the renovation.

Mayor David Cleveland has received two bids for pressure washing. Byrum Pressure Cleaning - \$1,350 and Splish Splash - \$2,500. Based upon the quotes, Byrum Pressure Cleaning will be doing the pressure washing.

The Village has received the annual Union County Urban Forestry bill. Fabian Szarko made a motion to approve the Union County Urban Forester invoice. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

There is a dead tree in Russell Park that needs to be removed. Mayor David Cleveland will contact Kiker Tree Service regarding its removal.

Three decorative benches have been ordered and one will be located at Veterans Pond, one at the little park behind Ms. DeeDee's and one on Creft Circle on the south side of Town Center Park. The location for the two park benches in the Russell Park playground area has also been determined. The Garden Club has donated one of the benches at Russell Park and P&R will purchase the other one and pay for the installation and pads for both.

Picnic tables are expensive. The price of one similar to the ones in Russell Park is \$1,270 plus shipping. A pressure treated wooden picnic table is \$145 from Ace Hardware in Indian Trail. P&R decided to table the discussion.

The mulch at Veterans Pond is very thin around the trees. P&R has the funds to purchase a truckload of mulch and we also need to look and see if there are other areas that need touching up. Fabian Szarko made a motion to purchase approximately \$700 worth of mulch. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Pool:** There are 178 pool season memberships to date and the revenue to date is \$39,170. The four tables that were ordered to replace four of the older tables have not come in. The tables should be here in the next three weeks.

**Events:**

Mayor David Cleveland thanked Ashley Dance and all of the volunteers that made the Memorial Day Ceremony a success. Estimated attendance for the event – 515 people. It was brought to Mayor David Cleveland's attention that the Merchant Marines were not mentioned in the program nor was their flag displayed. Overall the feedback from the event has been positive.

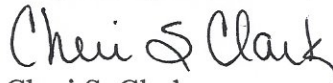
The Fourth of July event planning is underway. The DJ has been lined up and hotdogs will be served. The deputy will be the last vehicle in the parade and P&R would like to have the Hemby Bridge Fire Department in the parade. P&R has had a request to add a hat decorating competition to the event. The parade will start at 11 am.

National Night Out is August 4<sup>th</sup>. The DJ has been lined up for the event.

Ashley Dance discussed the lighting of the Veterans Pond Park flag. P&R had discussed having additional lighting installed after the installation of the flagpole. We have the additional lighting in next year's budget. P&R has some money in the Park Maintenance line item in the current year budget. Ashley Dance made the motion to request funding for the spotlight for the Veterans Pond flagpole. Fabian Szarko seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

**Adjourn:** Fabian Szarko made the motion to adjourn. Ashley Dance seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cheri S. Clark  
Village Administrator